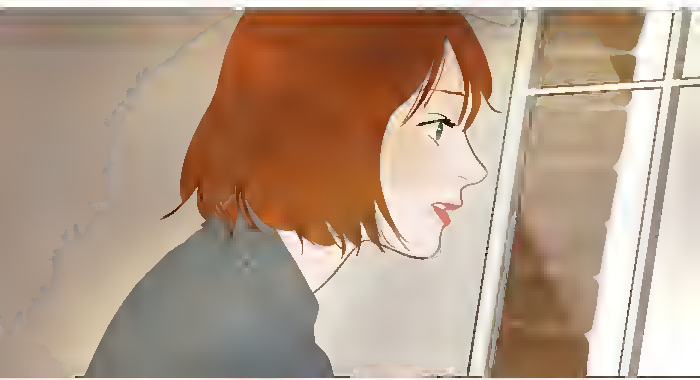
JANE!



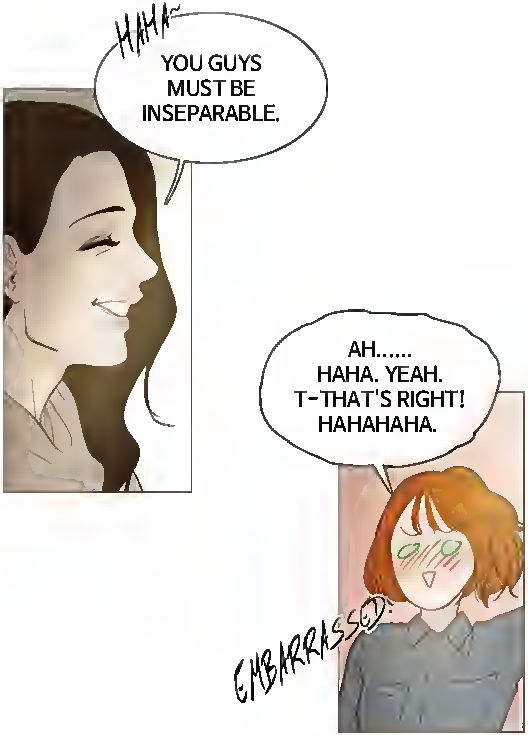
EXCITED

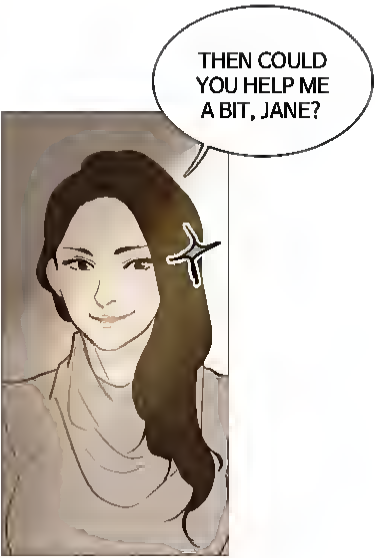
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE!?!?

Winter Woods

HAVE SOME TEA.
CLINK
THANK YOU.

ANYWAY, I HAD NO IDEA THAT YOU AND JANE KNEW EACH OTHER
SO YOU COME HERE TO MEET JANE EVERY DAY?
N-NOT EVERYDA..
I DON'T GET TO MEET HER. I WATCH HER THROUGH THE WINDOW AND THEN LEAVE.


HAHA~
YOU GUYS MUST BE INSEPARABLE.
AH..... HAHA. YEAH. T-THAT'S RIGHT! HAHAHAHA.
EMBARRASSED.


THEN COULD YOU HELP ME A BIT, JANE?

I'M WORKING ON WAYNE'S NOVEL NOW, BUT I'M HAVING A REALLY HARD TIME DESIGNING THE COVER FOR HIS BOOK.
BUT YOUR BOYFRIEND'S PICTURES SEEM PERFECT FOR IT.

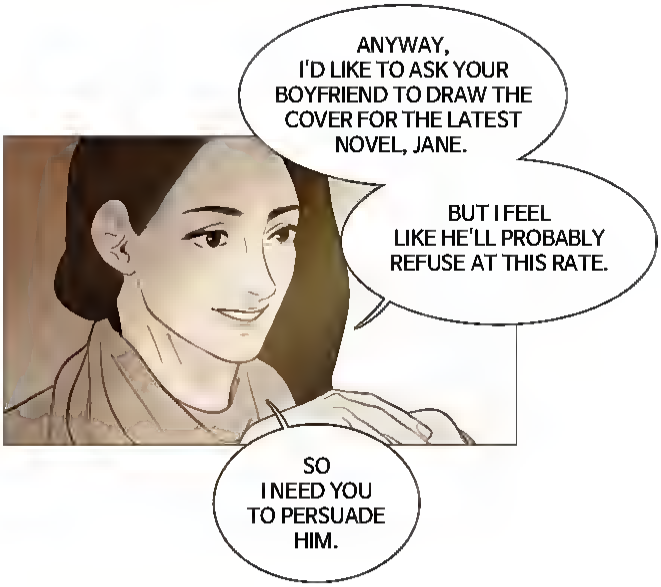
WAIT, WAYNE?
YOU MEAN THE AUTHOR OF CELLOPHANE MAN, MY MONDAY, AND.... AND.....!
THAT'S RIGHT. THAT WAYNE.
I'M A BIG FAN! BUT WHAT SHOULD I HELP YOU WITH?

AH, WELL YOUR BOYFRIEND SEEMS VERY CAUTIOUS.
ACTUALLY, IT WAS REALLY HARD JUST TO GET HIM TO COME THIS FAR.

HE WAS SO INSISTENT THAT HE COULDN'T LEAVE THE BENCH.
STIFF
I'M NOT A SUSPICIOUS PERSON. THOUGH. HAHA.

AH.....

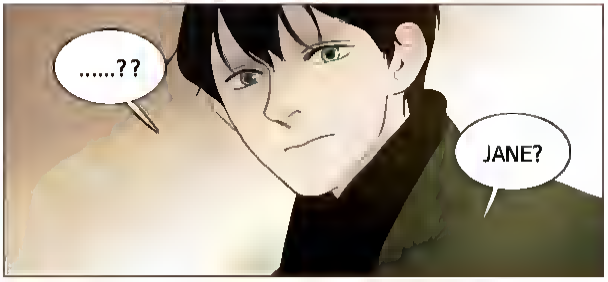
SINCE HE HAS TO STAY WITH ME..
PIT
PIT..


ANYWAY, I'D LIKE TO ASK YOUR BOYFRIEND TO DRAW THE COVER FOR THE LATEST NOVEL, JANE.
BUT I FEEL LIKE HE'LL PROBABLY REFUSE AT THIS RATE.
SO I NEED YOU TO PERSUADE HIM.

OUR COMPANY IS PRETTY GOOD, ISN'T IT?
YEAH!

WINTER,
DO YOU HAVE ANY
IDEA WHAT A GOOD THING
HAS JUST HAPPENED
TO YOU?
AND FOR
WAYNE OF ALL PEOPLE!
YOU MAY NOT KNOW BUT
HE'S AN AMAZING
MAN.
IT SEEMS TO
ME LIKE THIS WOULD
BE GOOD-

GOOD
FOR.....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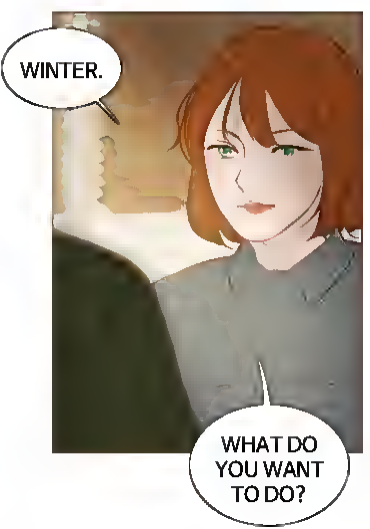
JANE?

WILL IT REALLY BE OKAY

FOR WINTER TO DO THIS...?

HE SEEMS HEALTHY ON THE OUTSIDE, BUT HE COULD ACTUALLY BE EVEN MORE STRESSED THAN ME.
PLUS I'M SO ANXIOUS ABOUT OUR CURRENT SITUATION...

WOULD IT BE BETTER FOR WINTER TO NOT DO ANYTHING UNTIL HE'S COMPLETELY SEPARATED FROM THE LAB?

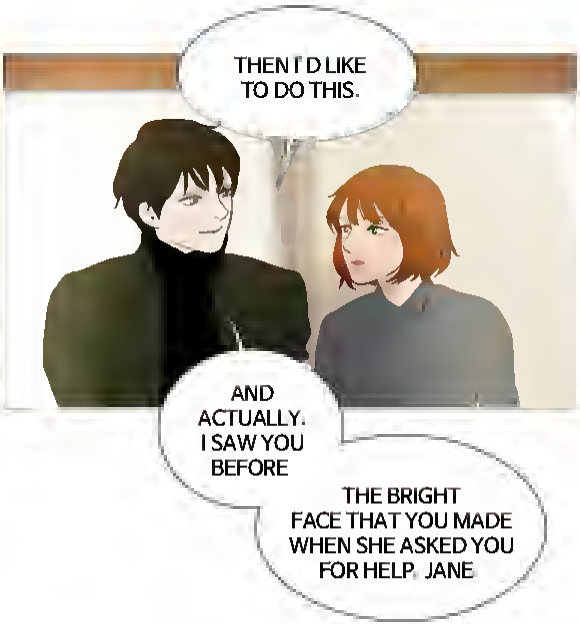


WHAT DO YOU THINK I SHOULD DO, JANE?
IT SOUNDS LIKE YOU REALLY LIKE THIS 'WAYNE' PERSON.

WELL, HE IS AN AUTHOR THAT I'VE ALWAYS LIKED.
BUT IT SEEMS TO ME LIKE-
WHAT!?

ARE YOU SAYING THAT YOU LIKE SOMEONE ELSE WITH ME SITTING RIGHT HERE NEXT TO YOU?
THAT'S NOT IMPORTANT RIGHT NOW.
AND I LIKE HIM IN A DIFFERENT WAY.

SLY~
REALLY? SO YOU LIKE ME BETTER RIGHT?
I FEEL LIKE... I JUST GOT TRICKED...
AH, WELL.....! O-OF COURSE! DOES A BEAR POOP IN THE WOODS?


THEN I'D LIKE TO DO THIS.
AND ACTUALLY, I SAW YOU BEFORE
THE BRIGHT FACE THAT YOU MADE WHEN SHE ASKED YOU FOR HELP, JANE

BUT WINTER RATHER THAN MY OPINION-
I'LL DO IT.
THAT WAS SURE QUICK!
JUST WAIT A MINUTE.

THIS IS THE CONTRACT THAT OUR COMPANY IS PROPOSING.
THE CONDITIONS AREN'T BAD.
SSK-
SINCE WAYNE IS SO FAMOUS!
HEHEHE~

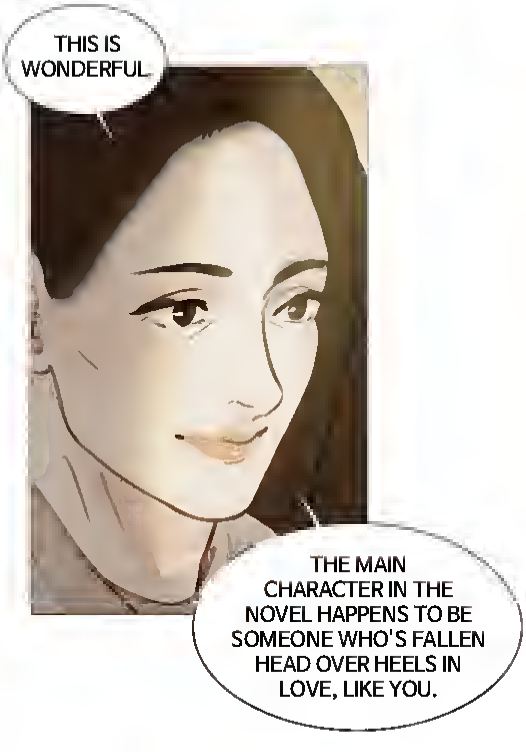
WHOA!
HOW MANY ZEROS
IS THAT?!
ONE, TWO,
THREE, FOUR....
GA
SP—
OHHH!
THIS IS GOOD,
ISN'T IT, JANE?
I'LL START RIGHT
AWAY!

BY THE WAY, I'D RATHER NOT HAVE TO KEEP CALLING YOU 'JANE'S BOYFRIEND.' WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
I'M WINTER.
YOU HAVE A REALLY PRETTY NAME, WINTER.
MY NAME IS SOPHIA.

WELL, WINTER. IF YOU DON'T MIND, COULD I SEE YOUR NOTEPAD?
SURE!

FLIP-
THIS IS EXACTLY THE TYPE OF DRAWING STYLE THAT WAYNE WANTED. A FEELING OF INNOCENCE!
Wa
te
FLIP-
BUT YOU ONLY DRAW ONE PERSON, I SEE.
IT'S ALL JANE, ISN'T IT? HEHEHE♥

YES!
AH! RIGHT! WINTER ONLY DRAWS ME, DOESN'T HE?!?!
SHY...


THIS IS WONDERFUL.
THE MAIN CHARACTER IN THE NOVEL HAPPENS TO BE SOMEONE WHO'S FALLEN HEAD OVER HEELS IN LOVE, LIKE YOU.

THIS IS PART OF THE MANUSCRIPT OF THE NOVEL.
TAP!
YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE A PROBLEM FIGURING OUT THE GENERAL STORY.

IN SHORT:
THIS NOVEL IS THE STORY
OF A MONSTER WHO LIVES IN THE
ATTIC OF AN ABANDONED HOUSE,
AND A YOUNG GIRL.

THE MONSTER LEARNS
HOW TO DRAW FROM THE GIRL,
AND THE AUTHOR WANTS A PICTURE
OF HERS WHICH LOOKS LIKE IT WAS
DRAWN BY THE MONSTER
HIMSELF.

HE WANTS SOMETHING THAT LOOKS CLUMSY BUT INNOCENT. CHARMING AND CUTE.
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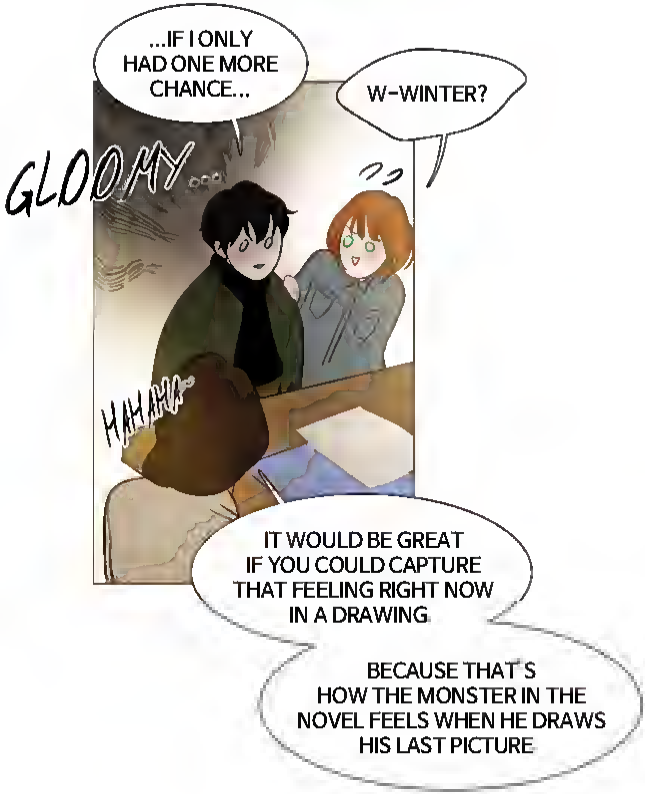
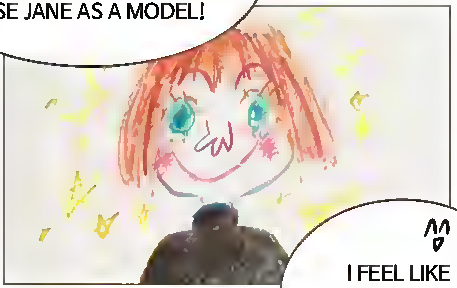
PERHAPS EVEN A BIT VAGUE, BASED ON THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CHARACTER IN THE NOVEL.
WAS MY EXPLANATION TOO AMBIGUOUS? SORRY.
AH
HMM~
HM... TO BE MORE PRECISE...

IF YOU ONLY HAD ONE MORE CHANCE TO DIRECTLY FACE THE PERSON THAT YOU LOVE AND DRAW THEM,
HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO DRAW THEM, WINTER?


...IF I ONLY HAD ONE MORE CHANCE...
W-WINTER?
GLOOMY
HAHAHA
IT WOULD BE GREAT IF YOU COULD CAPTURE THAT FEELING RIGHT NOW IN A DRAWING
BECAUSE THAT'S HOW THE MONSTER IN THE NOVEL FEELS WHEN HE DRAWS HIS LAST PICTURE

AND THE GIRL IN THE NOVEL ALSO HAS SHORT ORANGE HAIR SO YOU CAN USE JANE AS A MODEL!



I FEEL LIKE YOU'LL BE ABLE TO REALLY GET INTO IT.

YEAH. I THINK I'LL BE ABLE TO DRAW WELL.....

NOD... NOD...

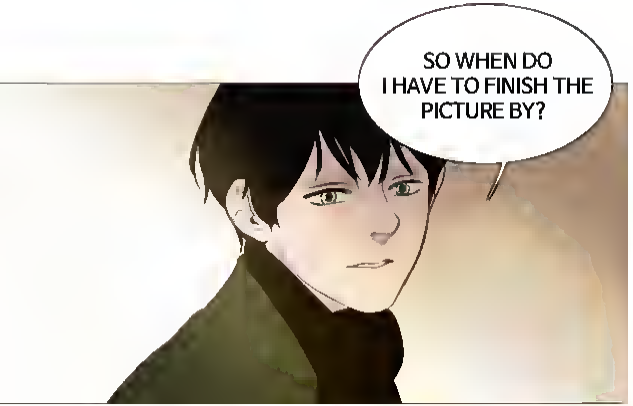
HIC~

THEN LET'S
SIGN THE CONTRACT
RIGHT NOW!

WHOA

NOW, READ THE CONTRACT OVER AND TELL ME IF THERE'S ANYTHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO CHANGE.
WHISPER
WINTER, I'LL READ IT WITH YOU.
NOD

THUMP
THUMP
WHISPER
THIS REALLY DOES SEEM GOOD. THE CONDITIONS ARE GREAT, TOO!
WHISPER

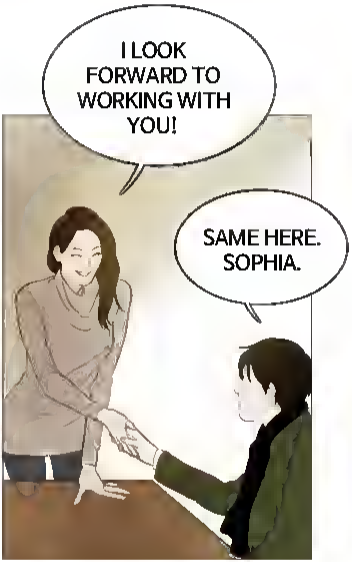

SO WHEN DO I HAVE TO FINISH THE PICTURE BY?

WE STILL DON'T HAVE THE EXACT SCHEDULE SO I CAN'T TELL YOU ANYTHING DEFINITE, BUT PROBABLY BY AROUND SPRING.
THE AUTHOR IS PROBABLY GOING TO FINISH THE NOVEL EITHER THIS MONTH OR NEXT MONTH.

SPRING.....
AH RIGHT.
AND I'D LIKE THE DRAWING TO BE MORE FINISHED THAN YOUR CURRENT ONES.
YOU HAVE TO BE A GOOD MODEL FOR HIM SO THAT WINTER CAN FINISH THE DRAWING WELL. JANE. OKAY?
SURE!

JUST SIGN HERE.
OKAY.

CAREFUL
WINTER
CAREFUL


I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU!
SAME HERE. SOPHIA.

WELL, I'M LEAVING NOW SO COME OUT WHEN YOU'RE FINISHED.
HM.. ONE SEC!!
YES, JANE?

COULD I GET AN AUTOGRAPH FROM WAYNE?
I'M SUCH A BIG FAN!
SURE. I'LL ASK HIM!

BY SPRING

Winter Woods

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